
REC STAFF NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

1. Data Call for Environmental Quality In Progress Review (IPR)

The data call for the Environmental Quality IPR for the second half of FY 1999 has just been signed (20 September 1999). Input is due back to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Quality) by 10 November. A data collection request will soon be sent out from CNO N45 with an earlier response date to allow for time to forward through CNO and ASN. The scanned letter of the data request is too large to include here, but if you would like to receive an advanced copy, please contact Christine Zeisler at zeisler.christine@hq.navy.mil <<mailto:zeigler.christine@hq.navy.mil>> or (703)602-5331.

A few new changes are in this data call. The total number of all air permits is being requested, not just Title V). Also being requested is the status of any underground storage tanks that were temporarily inactivated in order to meet the 22 December 1998 compliance deadline.

Important reminder!! There is less than a week left to close out any remaining open Notices of Violation (NOVs) so they will not be included in the 30 September 1999 cutoff date for open NOVs for this reporting period. Please remind activities that have open NOVs of the upcoming deadline and assist where you can in helping to bring about closure.

2. OPNAVINST 5090.1B Change 2 Released and Now Effective

CNO N45 signed the transmittal letter for OPNAVINST 5090.1B Change 2, Environmental and Natural Resources Program Manual, on 9 September 1999. The document is currently being scanned into *.pdf files. The electronic version will soon be sent out to Major Claimants and RECs, and it will also be posted on the Navy Electronic Directives website: <http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/> <<http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/>> and the CNO N45 website in the near future.

3. OPNAVINST 5100.19C Change 2 Now Available on the Web

OPNAVINST 5100.19C Change 2, NAVOSH Program Manual for Forces Afloat, is available on the CNO N454 website: <http://www.navosh.net> <<http://www.navosh.net>> . The manual is password protected. If you do not have a password, it's easy to get one. To apply for a password: First click on "References" and then click on "OPNAV Instructions." Next, click on "fill out this form" in the first paragraph and enter all the necessary information. Passwords are usually issued within the same day.

4. Wildland Fire Policy Training

On 20 October 1999, EPA is presenting a satellite broadcast about EPA's Interim Air Quality Policy on Wildland and Prescribed Fires for State, local and tribal air quality regulators and Federal land managers. You may want to get together with the state/local agencies in your region to coordinate use of a viewing site. The attached *.pdf file contains the broadcast announcement. Visit EPA's website for additional information, including a list of potential viewing sites in your region, at <http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/eog> <<http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/eog>> .

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5. New Commanding Officer Announced for Navy Region Southwest

RADM Frederic Ruehe will become the new Flag Officer of COMNAVREG SW in San Diego later this year. He is replacing RADM Froman who has been selected as the new CNO N46, Director of Navy Shore Installation Management at CNO.

8. Change in Personnel at CNO N45

Tom Egeland has left his position as the Natural Resources Program Manager for CNO N45 to move up the chain to ASN(I&E) as the new Director of Environmental Planning and Natural Resources. Christine Zeisler, formally of NAVFAC, has replaced Phyllis Kirchner, now retired, in the Shore Compliance Branch, code CNO N457H.

9. DON Budget Highlights Book ("Blue Book")

The "Blue Book" with SECNAV's forwarding letter is available on-line at http://dbweb.secnav.navy.mil/budbrief/01osd/don_bluebook.pdf <http://dbweb.secnav.navy.mil/budbrief/01osd/don_bluebook.pdf> . The "Blue Book" provides an overview of the DON Budget Estimate Submit (BES).